

telephone connection working at his residence be given to Director (PHE), Deptt. of Telecom., New Delhi immediately.

Sd/-

(G.S.S. MURTHY)

Sr. Dy. Director General (CS)

[English]

Telephone System in Faridkot

413. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the poor functioning of the telephone system in Faridkot and its surrounding areas;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve and streamline the telephone system in the district;

(c) the number of villages and the names of the area which are yet to be linked by the telephone system in the district; and

(d) the present position of waiting list for telephone connections in the Faridkot constituency and the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Telephone services in Faridkot and its surroundings areas are working satisfactorily.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) All the villages in Faridkot district have already been linked by telephone system.

(d) The total waiting list of Faridkot constituency as on 30th June, 1997 is 15902. The same is likely to be cleared within to years.

[Translation]

Theft of Slabs in Bokaro Steel Plant

414. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any case of theft of slabs from Bokaro Steel Plant worth crores of rupees had come to the notice few years ago;

(b) if so, the level of the personnels involved therein;

(c) whether any action was taken against them;

(d) whether the CBI also inquired in that case; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) A case of theft was reported in the night of 4/5 March, 1993 involving four trucks loaded with cut slabs/steel casting weighing approximately 43 tonnes and valued at about Rs. 3 lakhs.

(b) The incident involved 5 employees of CISF including one Deputy Inspector General, two sub Inspectors and two Head Constables; seven employees of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) including one Senior Operator and six Operators and nine non-BSL personnel.

(c) All the employees of BSL & CISF excepting Deputy Inspector General were placed under suspension. BSL Management had also lodged an FIR.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) On completion of investigation, chargesheets were filed by CBI before the Court of Special Magistrate, Dhanbad, where the case is under trial.

[Translation]

Daily Waiting List

415. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the daily waiting list of each Bihar bound train from Delhi particularly during the marriage season;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce special trains on such occasions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce a long distance train reserved with seating arrangement only so that the needy persons can board it to reach Delhi as thousands of passengers come from Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Saurashtra, Surat and Baroda;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government propose to introduce passenger train for common people for every-where keeping in view the facilities minimised by operating the Rajdhani, Shatabadi and Deluxe trains and reduction of